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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 862
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AHEMBASSY MONROVIA 112

UNCLAS LIBREVILLE 874

FOR CIVAIR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, GB
SUBJECT: AIRPLANE CRASH

REF: 7 FAM 654.3 AND 656.1

1. BEECHCRAFT KING AIR, REGISTRATION NUMBER TR-LYA REPEAT
TR-LYA CRASHED JUST SHORT OF RUNWAY AT LIBREVILLE'S LEON
M'BA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DURING EVENING OF APRIL 10.
AIRCRAFT SERIES NUMBER IS LW 247. AIRCRAFT BELONGED TO
AIR AFFAIRES GABON, LOCAL BEECHCRAFT DEALER. FRENCH
CITIZEN PILOT KILLED IN CRASH, NO PASSENGERS.

2. AIR AFFAIRES OFFICIALS SAID PLANE WAS RECEIVED ONLY
TWO WEEKS AGO FROM LE BOURGET, PARIS. PLANE HAD BEEN
FORWARDED FROM TRANS-AIR, FRENCH BEECHCRAFT DISTRIBUTOR.
PLANE WAS MAKING FINAL APPROACH FOR LANDING ON ITS SECOND
TRIAL FLIGHT WHEN PROBLEM - STILL OF UNKNOWN NATURE AND
ORIGIN - OCCURRED AND PLANE CRASHED INTO TREETOPS JUST SHORT
OF RUNWAY. PILOT HAD MADE FINAL APPROACH RADIO CALL MAKING
NO REPAT NO MENTION OF ANY TROUBLE. THERE WAS NO FURTHER
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RADIO COMMUNICATION.

3. EMBOFF HAS CONTACTED BUREAU VERITAS, LOCAL EQUIVALENT
OF FARR, WHICH IS CONDUCTING CRASH INVESTIGATION.
CHIEF INVESTIGATOR TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRELIMINARY INVES-
TIGATION REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF MECHANICAL FAILURE AND
THAT PILOT ERROR WAS CAUSE OF CRASH. WILL FORWARD

FURTHER DETAILS UPON DETERMINATION OF BUREAU VERITAS
INQUIRY, PROBABLY IN THREE WEEKS.YATES

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